January 21 – 27, 2021 NEWS YOU CAN USE, NEWS YOU CAN TRUST 75¢

THE EAGLE

A PUBLICATION OF ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF MICHIGAN

THE BELLEVILLE ENTERPRISE • THE CANTON EAGLE • THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR • THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE
THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE • THE ROMULUS ROMAN • THE WAYNE EAGLE • THE WESTLAND EAGLE

No. 03 www.associatednewspapers.net

THE BELLEVILLE ENTERPRISE
Vol. 136, No. 03

Last week, Yankee Air Museum officials welcomed a Blue Angel F/A-18C Hornet as the latest addition to the extensive historic aircraft collection at the museum.

See page 6.

THE CANTON EAGLE
Vol. 74, No. 03

A Canton Township father has been charged with involuntary manslaughter in the shooting death of his 8-year-old son.

See page 2.

THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR
Vol. 74, No. 03

African Americans are being urged by community leaders to be among the first to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

See page 6.

THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE
Vol. 210, No. 03

Thirty Northville Township firefighters received the first vaccination for COVID-19 in an effort expected to help control the disease and protect local residents.

See page 4.

THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE
Vol. 21, No. 03

The long-vacant Spartan warehouse and distribution center in Plymouth Township will soon become an Amazon facility.

See page 3.

THE ROMULUS ROMAN
Vol. 136, No. 03

The Romulus Ministerial Alliance celebrated a community-wide march and vehicle procession on Monday to celebrate and remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

See page 3.

THE WAYNE EAGLE
Vol. 74, No. 03

Wayne Police Lt. Finley Carter graduated from the prestigious Michigan State University School of Staff and Command last week as president of his class.

See page 5.

THE WESTLAND EAGLE
Vol. 74, No. 03

The City of Westland is now accepting applications to join the police department as the eligibility list from which new officers are hired has expired.

See page 5.

Wayne County distributes 3.5 million free masks

> *Residents who need masks can pick one up from partner sites across the state.*

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is distributing 3.5 million free masks as part of the state Mask Up, Mask Right campaign.

Free KN95 masks provided by MDHHS will be distributed by community organizations, including local MDHSS offices, health departments and Area Agency on Aging offices.

"We are urging Michiganders to Mask Up and Mask Right to protect themselves, their loved ones and their communities from COVID-19," said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. "Wearing the right kind of mask is important. Distribution of effective masks will help more Michiganders limit the spread of COVID to save lives and get back to normal sooner."

Masking right includes wearing one of three options of masks that provide stronger protection: three-layered washable cloth face coverings, three-layered disposable masks or KN95 masks. It also includes wearing the mask correctly: having it secured over the nose and mouth and snugly fitting without gaps. KN95 masks are similar to but should not be confused with N95 masks that are intended for health care workers who are engaged as part of their work in higher-risk settings.

In addition to MDHHS offices, local health departments and Area Agency on Aging offices, the free masks are available from Community Action Agencies, and Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). Some agencies will further distribute the masks to local partners such as homeless shelters.

Residents who need masks can pick one up from partner sites across the state. Find a distribution site at Michigan.gov/MaskUpMichigan or call the COVID-19 hotline at 888-535-6136.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

Sweet surprise

Ice Festival set to return Feb. 12-14

The Plymouth Ice Festival this year will not feature the large sculptures in Kellogg Park.

Better late than never is the attitude in the City of Plymouth as plans for a scaled-down ice festival set for Feb. 12 through 14 were presented to the city commission for approval this week.

James Gietzen, owner of JAG Entertainment, which produces the annual event, said the event would be markedly different this year, but still an attraction sure to draw crowds into the city. Gietzen said the 39th annual event would include smaller ice sculptures set in front of local businesses and throughout downtown while the larger ice carvings usually installed in Kellogg Park would be absent this year. Gietzen said the changes were necessary due to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for wearing masks and maintaining social distancing.

Gietzen said plans include installation of about 60 smaller-scale sculptures which should help attract crowds to the community and, hopefully, local businesses.

Michigan First Credit Union is sponsoring 24 smaller ice carvings this year. Many of the usual events, like the dueling chain saws and the college competitions will likely be cancelled this year, although Gietzen said the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) officials are organizing events for the weekend including having visitors fill a bingo-like card with stickers from various businesses as they walk through downtown. The object will be to fill the card with stickers from businesses on at least three streets to get a bingo and win a gift card.

DDA Director Tony Bruscado said the game is designed to get people into downtown stores to see what local merchants have to offer and hopefully, make a purchase while filling the card to win a $25 gift card. The gift cards are being donated by local businesses participating in the game.

Gietzen said he is well aware of the struggling local businesses in the community and is hoping the ice festival will be able to help lure shoppers into local stores and generate business for the local merchants. He said he expects the event will attract a great many families who are looking for a safe outing during the ongoing pandemic. People, he said, have been isolated and at home for months, and the ice festival, while practicing safety measures, will be an attractive destination during the Valentine's Day weekend.

"Visitors to downtown will be able to walk around and appreciate the ice sculptures, even if they're not quite as big as they're used to in normal years," Gietzen said.

Last year, Mother Nature drenched the ice festival with week-end rain and this year, the event is faced with the pandemic. That hasn't totally discouraged the several of the usual sponsors of the event, like Michigan First Credit Union, however, Gietzen said.

"We're just glad to be able to do something, rather than cancel the event," Gietzen said.

Plymouth Canton in-class learning may return March 1

> *There truly are students who are struggling to thrive during this pandemic while learning remotely.*

After nearly a year of online and virtual learning, students in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools are expected to return to classrooms by March 1.

District officials presented a plan during a meeting last week which would return students to school buildings while maintaining strict COVID-19 safety practices including the wearing of masks and social distancing. The plan was announced by Superintendent of Schools Monica Merritt during a regular meeting of the members of the board of education.

"We know that distance learning does not work for all of our kids," Merritt said. "There truly are students who are struggling to thrive during this pandemic while learning remotely. We've been working on agreed-upon ways to get them back into the schools as safely as possible."

Her plan was obviously welcomed by students who last Tuesday protested outside the downtown administration offices on Harvey Street. A group of both elementary and high schools students carried signs and marched in front of the building demanding to return to classrooms. The demonstration was organized by Canton High School students Ashley and Katie Temple who expressed disappointment that no board of education member or administrator appeared at the rally.

The members of the board are expected to vote on the plan for in-person learning this week.

Merritt explained that in-person students would have breaks from mask wearing for eating or drinking and masks would not be required when students went outside for recess.

Provisions of the plan have students in grades six through nine, and those in identified specialized courses at the high school, returning to in-person in a hybrid configuration beginning Jan. 25; all elementary students, sixth-graders, ninth-graders and specialized-course students returning to a full five-day, in-person configuration Feb. 17-19; students in grades seven and eight returning to a five-day in-person configuration on Feb. 22 and students in grades 10-12 returning to in-person learning, hybrid or five-day by March 1.

Merritt said the health and safety of students and staff members would be closely monitored to ensure there was no health threat presented by the in-person classes. To prevent transmission of the virus, the district has installed air purifiers in school buildings and increased cleaning and sanitizing, Merritt explained.

"We will monitor the phased-in return very closely to make sure there are no widespread transmissions in our buildings," she emphasized.

Canton

Staff wage increases receive OK from board of trustees

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Part-time, variable, and seasonal Canton Township employees have gained step pay hikes, effective Jan. 1 of this year, following a unanimous vote Jan. 12 of the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

The seasonal employees will receive step raises when and if they return to work in 2021, noted Township Clerk Michael Siegrist. Some eligibility will be based on total hours worked in 2020. The pay hike is 50 cents per hour for the employees.

Members of the Canton Board of Trustees also unanimously approved on Dec. 7 a 2.5 percent pay raise for merit non-union full-time employees, along with elected township officials.

The township supervisor, treasurer and clerk hold full-time salaried positions, and received the 2.5 percent pay hike.

> *The township supervisor, treasurer and clerk hold full-time salaried positions, and received the 2.5 percent pay hike.*

During a Jan. 12 Zoom meeting, trustees discussed briefly joining a regional water consortium, and allocated some $12,000 to OHM Advisors for a consortium study. Livonia, Westland and Northville Township are the other communities seeking such a consortium with Canton as a partner.

Said Trustee Kate Borninski, "I think this is really exciting." She asked about infrastructure, including a previous water tower. Director of Municipal Services Jade Smith noted capital expenses will occur if Canton joins, with further discussion also to include water rates.

In other action on Jan. 12, the Canton Board voted unanimously to allocate $49,000 to TN Construction LLC to paint the township Public Works Building. Trustees also discussed rezoning of six parcels in the Michigan Avenue-Denton Road area, for possible online retailer use.

Trustee Steven Sneideman asked "that we will be ensured we don't lose the bulk of the trees," a concern echoed by Trustee Tania Ganguly. Additional planning commission and board of trustees review is on tap for the site.

Father is charged in boy's shooting death

A Canton Township father has been charged with involuntary manslaughter in the death of his 8-year-old son.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Nicholas A. Bennett, 33, in connection with the fatal shooting of his son at their Canton mobile home on Dec. 15.

Police were called to the home located in the 41020 block of Old Michigan Avenue at about 3:54 p.m. Dec. 15. According to police reports, Bennett was working on or cleaning a rifle when one round discharged and struck and killed his son who was with him in the room. The boy was immediately transported to a local hospital by Canton fire personnel where he succumbed to the injury, according to police accounts. Further facts and evidence will be presented in court at the preliminary examination, said a statement from Worthy's office.

Bennett was arraigned on a charge of involuntary manslaughter last week in 35th District Court in Plymouth. He is scheduled for a probable cause hearing Jan. 29 and a preliminary examination on the charges Feb. 5 before Judge Michael Gerou

Nicholas A. Bennett

Forgotten harvest provides free food to area families

Van Buren Township and Forgotten Harvest (FH) will continue to host free pop-up food pantries every Tuesday from 2-4:30 p.m., or while supplies last.

Anyone in need can drive up to the distribution area outside of the Community Services entrance at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road. Volunteers will load fresh groceries into the vehicle of anyone in need.

> *No registrations or forms are necessary or required.*

"We're really excited to be continuing the free food distribution partnership with Forgotten Harvest," said Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "We know many of our residents and neighboring residents are in need of food and we hope this helps them during these challenging times."

No registrations or forms are necessary or required. Anyone who would like to pick up food for another family or neighbor, should, however, provide a name, address and the number of people living in the household and /or the number of senior citizens in the household, if applicable.

The distribution model of all Forgotten Harvest Pop-Up Pantry events is from "truck to trunk" Please have all trunks free of belonging and cleared for easy loading of groceries, officials said.

If interested in volunteering to help with the distribution effort, call the Senior Center (734) -699-8919.

For more information about the Van Buren Township pop-up pantry visit https://vanburen-mi.org/ or https://www.forgotten-harvest.org/

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 4, 2021 for the following:

REPLACEMENT OF AIR CONDITIONING UNIT SYSTEM AT FIRE STATION # 1

Bids may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

Publish 1/21/2021 CN2159 - 012121 2.5 x 2.051

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 4, 2021 for the following:

GENERATOR AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SYSTEM - PUBLIC SAFETY HEADQUARTERS

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

Publish 1/21/2021 CN2160 - 012121 2.5 x 2.051

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 4, 2021 for the following:

EMBEDDED SOCIAL WORK SERVICES - PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

Publish 1/21/2021 CN2161 - 012121 2.5 x 2.051

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 4, 2021 for the following:

TOWING SERVICES

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

Publish 1/21/2021 CN2162 - 012121 2.5 x 2.051

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 4, 2021 for the following:

CONSULTING SERVICES TO DEVELOP PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE FIVE-YEAR MASTER PLAN

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

Publish 1/21/2021 CN2163 - 012121 2.5 x 2.051

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

Publish: 01/21/21 CN2158 - 012121 2.5 x 4.72

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
February 11, 2021

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, February 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held by electronic remote access. Individuals may join the video teleconference by going to:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89145586479

Or iPhone one-tap: 1-312-626-6799 (89145586479#) or 1-301-715-8592 (89145586479#)

Or Telephone: 1-301-715-8592 or 1-312-626-6799

Webinar ID: 891 4558 6479

International numbers available: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdRDWGbk4D

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Greg Greco, John Badeen.
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Minutes:
January 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Approval of Agenda

General Calendar:

1. Applicant, Matthew Cler, representative of Johnson Development, LLC, for property located on the east side of Lotz Road between Ford Rd. and Warren Rd., Zoning LI- Light Industrial. Property address is 5900 N. Lotz. Appealing Article 6A, Section 6 A.25 (Legibility and Design) of the sign ordinance, subsection 2. Ground Signs, Subsection Lettering, to allow VA Signage Standards in regard to the font type and size. Parcel ID 048-99-0022-701 (Building).

2. Applicant, Scott Barbat, for property located at the northeast corner of Ford. Rd. and Haggerty Rd., Zoning C-4. Property address is 41350 Ford Rd. Appealing Section 6.02(C)(1) (Maximum Building Coverage) and Section 4.01(C) (Minimum Number of Drive-Through Stacking Spaces) of the Zoning Ordinance. The requested variances are to allow 19% building coverage (a variance of 9% from the maximum allowable building coverage of 10%) and 9 stacking spaces for the drive-through restaurant (a variance of 1 stacking space from the minimum requirement for 10 stacking spaces). Parcel ID 71-047-99-0006-001 (Planning)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton. Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.
A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org CN2164 - 012121 2.5 x 6.281

PLYMOUTH - ROMULUS

Amazon to refurbish former Spartan warehouse

The long-vacant Spartan warehouse and distribution center in Plymouth Township will soon become an Amazon facility.

The on-line retailer will convert the former grocery facility, located on Haggerty Road, across from the former Kmart center, into a sorting center. Amazon officials said there are plans to open five new such facilities in metro Detroit this year. The Plymouth Township center will sort and categorize smaller packages and is expected to begin operations this summer.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said the Spartan warehouse, located near the Henry Ford Health development planned on the former Kmart property, has been abandoned for more than a decade. Heise said the building was constructed in the early 1970s and that Amazon will add about 30,000 square feet to the facility at a cost of $2.5 million. The new sorting center will create an anticipated 200 new jobs, although Heise said that number could increase. Heise described the selection of Plymouth Township one of the five new sites planned by Amazon as an "honor" and called the new center a "big win for Plymouth Township."

> *Amazon will add about 30,000 square feet to the facility at a cost of $2.5 million.*

Heise said the center is expected to be fully operational by the 2021 holiday season.

Remembering Dr. King

The Romulus Ministerial Alliance celebrated a community-wide march and vehicle procession on Monday to celebrate and remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The march began at Romulus Community Baptist Church and concluded at Pentecostal Baptist Church. Walkers remained at a safe distance from others, while others remained in cars to help commemorate the accomplishments of Dr. King. Following the march, there was a short program at Pentecostal Baptist Church with remarks from the Rev. Arthur Willis, president of the Romulus Ministerial Alliance; Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, Romulus Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Benjamin Edmondson, Romulus City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg; Gina Wilson Steward, CEO and publisher of The Telegram Newspaper, and local clergymen from surrounding neighborhoods.

The Senior Alliance
Live~Age~Grow

Friendly Reassurance
Program

Friendly Reassurance is a **FREE** program for HOMEBOUND seniors who are aged 60 years and up!

Regular scheduled phone calls are made from The Senior Alliance, usually by other seniors, to participants in the program.

These calls help to combat social isolation, improve a person's well-being, and provide a warm, **friendly** voice for them to talk with.

Eligibility Requirements

* Be of age 60 or older
* Reside in one of the 34 communities of southern and western Wayne County.
* Access to a landline or cell phone
* Be able to provide an emergency contact

To Learn More
Call (734) 722-2830
or visit
www.thesenioralliance.org

Carry-Out and Curbside
Available All Day

Call us for your favorite menu items.
3 - 7:30 Monday — Friday
Noon - 7:30 Saturday and Sunday
AVAILABLE FOR CARRY-OUT AND CURBSIDE ORDERING
CALL (734)414-6400
Dinner take out menu available at
https://www.egnicksdtp.com/dinner-menu.html
DeliveryTakeout Sit-down dining Curbside pickup
Health & Safety Measures From the business

• MASKS REQUIRED • STAFF WEARS GLOVES • STAFF WEARS MASKS
• LIMITED CAPACITY • HAND SANITIZER PROVIDED
• SANITIZING BETWEEN CUSTOMERS • SOCIAL DISTANCING ENFORCED

EG. NICK'S
RESTAURANT · TAVERN
500 Forest Ave. · Plymouth
Convenient Parking behind Forest off of Harvey St.
Open for carry-out and curbside ordering.
(734) 414-6400

Northville

Northville officials mark School Board Recognition Month

Northville Public Schools is joining 544 local and 57 intermediate school districts across Michigan to celebrate January as School Board Recognition Month.

"In a year full of challenges for public education not seen in recent history, our school board members persevered through the adversity of 2020, and have grappled with providing the best possible education for our students given the ongoing challenges of a global health crisis," noted Superintendent of Northville Schools Mary Kay Gallagher in a prepared statement. "Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one of the ways in which we can express appreciation for these dedicated public servants, who continue to devote hours of time to our district, students, families, staff and community, and who serve without monetary compensation," she added.

School board members represent the views and priorities of their community in the complex system of maintaining and running a district's public schools, Gallagher noted. "They also reinforce the principle of local control over public education, which is an important, highly valued aspect of education in Michigan. Our board of education establishes the district's vision, mission and goals while developing policies to achieve them; they encourage continuous improvement in student learning; and advocate at the local, state and national level in support of public education."

Gallagher said that the Northville community is fortunate to have an actively involved, deeply committed board of education dedicated to leading and supporting the ongoing quest of the district to open A World of Possibilities for and with students that will prepare them for life and work in a global society. "This responsibility requires the time and energy to prepare for, and attend countless meetings and school functions; review agendas, documents, proposals, and reports; and make difficult decisions that are both fiscally responsible and focused on what is best for the students, families, staff and community of Northville Public Schools," she said.

> *Each board member serves as a voice of the community along with building connections between community organizations.*

The Northville Board of Education is made up of seven members, each of whom brings varied perspectives and experiences to the table, working together in partnership with educators and administrators to provide Northville students experiences, opportunities and endless possibilities steeped in tradition and excellence, Gallagher continued. "Our community gives us its best to fulfill the duties of the school board requiring countless hours of thoughtful dialogue, engagement, research, attending school and community functions, and much more during each term. Each board member serves as a voice of the community along with building connections between community organizations and the district. At Northville we are proud of our long history of board members who have created lasting imprints in our community history."

The Board of Education members serving Northville Public Schools and their years of service include: Roland Hwang, six years; Sarah Prescott, five-and-a-half years; Angela Jafaar, two years; Suzanne Lynn, two years; James Mazurek, 2011 -2018, recently elected; Lisa McIntyre, recently elected and Lindsey Wilson, also recently elected

"We also recognize the following individuals who stepped down from the board of education at the conclusion of their term on Dec. 31, 2020 for their leadership and service: Cynthia L. Jankowski who served for nine years; Matthew Wilk, who served for eight-and-a-half years and Laurie Doner, who served for four years.

30 township firefighters receive COVID-19 vaccinations

Thirty Northville Township firefighters received the first vaccination for COVID-19 in an effort expected to help control the disease and protect local residents. The firefighters are scheduled to receive the second dose this week, according to the township Facebook page.

The firefighters are in the Phase 1A designation of the vaccine rollout, set forth by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Phase 1A includes inoculating people serving in healthcare who have contact or indirect exposure to patients, as well as residents of long-term care facilities. Phase 1B includes frontline essential workers, including school and childcare staff, frontline responders and staff in jails, prisons and shelters. It also includes individuals 75 years and older while Phase 1C includes other essential works, people ages 65-74, and individuals 16-64 with underlying medical conditions. Phase 2 is a mass vaccination campaign all ages 16 and older.

While MDHHS and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced that starting Jan. 11, some Phase 1B essential workers, including school and childcare staff, frontline responders, and staff in jails, prisons and shelters may be vaccinated, Wayne County announced that Phase 1A has to be completed first. The start of Phase IB depends on the vaccine supply, rather than the Jan. 11 date, as shipment of the vaccine supply from the state has been limited.

Check the Wayne County website for updates: www.waynecounty.com/covid19/covid-19-vaccine-information.aspx

Special assignment

The Northville Township Police Department collaborated with Meijer, Northville Civic Concern and Northville Public Schools during the Hope for the Holidays initiative last month. The community donated more than $4,000 in gift cards to brighten the lives of those in need, according to a statement from the Northville Police Department. Officers delivered the gift cards, along with donations of food, hats and other winter items, to residents in need throughout the community to help brighten the holidays.

Garden Club members to meet

The Country Garden Club of Northville is offering free virtual attendance at upcoming monthly meetings in both February and March.

The business meeting will begin at 11 a.m. and the speakers are scheduled for 12:15.

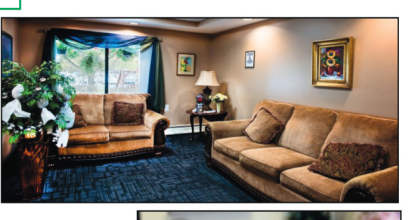
The Feb. 3 speaker is Chris Lapinski who will discuss "Mason Bees and Plants They are Attracted To". Roy Prentice will speak on the "History and Gardening at Tollgate Farm" at the March 3 meeting.

Interested parties can attend these free virtual online presentations by contacting (734) 751-1156 or e-mail at BQSturtz@comcast.net.

AFFORDABLE RENTAL
COMMUNITIES FOR SENIORS
WHISPERING WILLOWS CO-OP

For 70 years as a mission-driven non-profit, we exist solely to provide the highest quality, affordable housing communities possible for seniors.

CSI SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT
Affordable Rental Communities for Seniors



11100Wayne Rd, Romulus
Call Our Leasing Office at
734-941-6908
To Schedule a Tour!

(800) 593-3052 www.csi.coop TDD (800) 348-7011

Amenities

- On-Site Laundry
- Individual Heating & Cooling
- Emergency In-Unit Pull Cords
- Rent Subsidized
- Secured Entry
- Most Utilities Included/Utility Allowance

Our resident members benefit from:

- Diversity & Open Membership
- Not-For-Profit Operation
- Democratic Control
- Continuing Education
- Senior Empowerment
- Social Interaction

Chick-fil-a opens next week

The highly anticipated opening of the new Chick-fil-A restaurant in Northville Township is set for Jan. 28, according to the company Principal Development Leader Justin Lurk.

The new location for the country-wide franchise is located at 20135 Haggerty Road according to comments from Lurk at a recent Livonia City Council Zoom meeting.

The company has also confirmed plans for a second location in Livonia and a possible facility on Ford Road in Canton Township this year.

The company will hire about 100 people for both full and part-time jobs, according to the corporate website. Applications are available online at cfanorthville.com or by texting "JOBS" to (248) 721-4449. Walk-in job interviews will take place every Saturday this month according to the company Facebook page.

Classified

TO PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED AD CALL 734-467-1900

30. Help Wanted

NOW HIRING Penske Logistics seeks full-time warehouse workers to support our essential food warehouse operations in Romulus, MI. Warehouse positions include order selectors for the 2nd and 3rd shifts. Competitive hourly rate of $17.55 per hour plus can earn an additional $3.00 - $6.00 per hour performance bonus! Interviews are being conducted via phone and following social distancing protocols. 1 year experience warehousing or material-handling preferred. Apply Today! 855-759-7098

Call 734-467-1900 to place your classified ad or email ads@journalgroup.com.

59. Auctions

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS POLICE
25637 MICHIGAN AVE.
DEARBORN HEIGHTS MI 48125**

**THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON 2/5/2021 @ 1:00 PM
DALTON TOWING
27218 CURRIER
DBN HGTS MI 48125**

2011 CHEVROLET
2CNFLEEC2B6305779
2010 CHEVROLET
1G1AD5F59A7181402
2009 CHEVROLET
1G1AD5F59A7181402
2014 FORD
1G1AD5F59A7181402
2010 FORD
1FAHP3GN4AW165653
2008 FORD
1FMFU20588LA00341
2008 FORD
1FMCU93Z48KB05393
1999 FORD
1FTYR14V4XTB01457
1999 FORD
1FAFP58U8XG209729
2002 GMC
1GKET16S726100998
2006 HONDA
1HGFA165X6L005179
2005 HONDA
2HKYF18535H526219
2002 HONDA
1HGCG56682A116322
2016 HYUNDAI
5NPE24AF9GH374016
2013 HYUNDAI
5NPEB4AC4DH551010
2003 KIA
KNDJC733835118444
2009 PONTIAC
1G2ZJ57BX94236125
2008 PONTIAC
1G2ZG57B384257878
2003 TOYOTA
5TDBT48A23S143070
2004 CHEVROLET
2CNBJ634746914231
2011 DODGE
1B3CB3HA0BD298083
1999 GMC
1GTEC14T3XE532749
2002 HONDA
1HGCG16552A059318
1999 JEEP
1J4GW68N5XC598802
2007 LINCOLN
5LMFU27597LJ21820
2006 PONTIAC
2G2WP552961241344
2005 PONTIAC
2G2WP542851308564
1999 PONTIAC
2G2FS22K9X2217008
2009 CHEVROLET
2G1WT57K491279727
2002 CHEVROLET
2G1WX15K729303509
2002 FORD
3FAFP37372R159856

MICHIGAN Ad Network Solutions CLASSIFIED

Miscellaneous

Thinking about installing a new shower? American Standard makes it easy. FREE design consultation. Enjoy your shower again! Call 1-888-320-1090 today to see how you can save $1,000 on installation, or visit www.newshowerdeal.com/mipress

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 350 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-855-524-0779 www.dental50plus.com/mipress #6258

GENERAC Standby Generators provide backup power during utility power outages, so your home and family stay safe and comfortable. Prepare now. Free 7-year extended warranty ($695 value!). Request a free quote today! Call for additional terms and conditions. 1-877-378-0097

**Help Wanted
- Truck Driver**

CDL-A DRIVERS WANTED, 3 MONTHS MINIMUM EXPERIENCE, EXCELLENT PAY, BENEFITS SIGN ON BONUS, 401k, DEDICATED ROUTES ROMEO AND WAYNE DISPATCH, CALL KIRT 586-752-4529 EXT 1032

To advertise in The Eagle call 734-467-1900.

AGGRESSIVE LITIGATION

GARRATT
& BACHAND, P.C.
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS

74 WEST LONG LAKE ROAD
SUITE 200
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MICHIGAN 48304
(248) 645-1450 • FAX (248) 645-2311

WAYNE - WESTLAND

City now accepting applications for police force

The City of Westland is now accepting applications to join the police department.

The department recently exhausted the eligibility list from which new officers are hired. Department officials anticipate starting a new process this month to establish the next eligibility list and as part of the process, applicants will be required to take the written portion of their testing through EMPCO (http://empco.net/).

Since testing dates could be limited due to the current health restrictions, officials are urging qualified candidates to take advantage of early registration to complete the testing in time to ensure a spot on the eligibility list. Officials urged potential candidates to meet all the requirements before paying for and taking the written test. Applicants must be a citizen of the United States, not less than 21 years of age with a high school diploma or GED. Candidates must have a valid driver's license and be a graduate of a police academy and MCOLES certified (or certifiable at time of hire). Students at a law enforcement academy at time of application will be accepted.

> *Since testing dates could be limited due to the current health restrictions, officials are urging qualified candidates to take advantage of early registration.*

The Westland Police Officers Association signed a new 4-year collective bargaining agreement May 5 of 2020. This new contract included major improvements to the police officers benefits, including a top salary of $72,671, with a total compensation package of $87,093 along with a defined benefit pension plan with a multiplier of 2.25 or an option of a defined contribution plan with employer match. The department offers a top vacation accrual of 260 hours per year; 18 hours of sick time per month; 15 paid holidays; 72 hours of personal time per year and a bonus of 48 hours of vacation time per year which will be added to officer's bank if less than 48 hours of sick time are used in a calendar year.

The Westland Police Department also offers various assignments and opportunities for advancement, officials said.

For more information, email recruitment@wlpd.net.

Wayne lieutenant celebrates graduation

Wayne Police Lt. Finley Carter graduated from the 15th Michigan State University School of Staff and Command last week.

The MSU School of Staff and Command is a prestigious 10-week school for police executives that focuses on leadership, problem-based learning, and building partnerships with the community to respond to crime, according to the college website. Being accepted into the program and successfully completing the rigorous course work is a significant accomplishment, police officials noted. In addition to successfully completing the program, Carter was selected by a vote of his peers to serve as president of the class. Carter addressed his classmates at graduation, encouraging them to tackle some of the tough issues facing policing today.

Wayne Police Chief Ryan Strong said Carter's accomplishments and the honor of being class president were not unexpected.

"I am very proud of Lt. Carter's accomplishments, but I am also not surprised. Lt. Carter is an incredible leader.

"He is well respected by me, his peers, his subordinates, and the community. The Wayne Police Department is lucky to have him as part of our team.

"I would like to congratulate him on the hard work and leadership he has shown today and throughout his career," Strong commented.

Carter joined the Wayne Police Department in 2002 and was the first African American officer in the department. He has served various roles in the department and is currently in charge of the investigations bureau.

His additional duties include being the training coordinator, head of the firearms training program, FOIA coordinator, and Public Information Officer.

Lt. Finley Carter

Teen could serve 15 years in prison for fatal shooting

The Wayne teen who shot and killed a youth last July has been sentenced to 2.5 to 15 years in prison following his guilty plea.

Robert Shoats, 19, told Third Circuit Court Judge Margaret Van Houten that he apologized for shooting "close friend" Kaleb Parish and said that he prayed for the family every night.

He entered a guilty plea in November to a single charge of manslaughter and a weapons charge. Four other homicide and weapons charges were dismissed.

According to police reports, Shoats shot Parish the evening of July 29 in the 34000 block of Richard Street in Wayne. Parish was transported by emergency personnel from Wayne to a local hospital where he died several days after the shooting which Shoats claimed was accidental. The two were described as friends who grew up together.

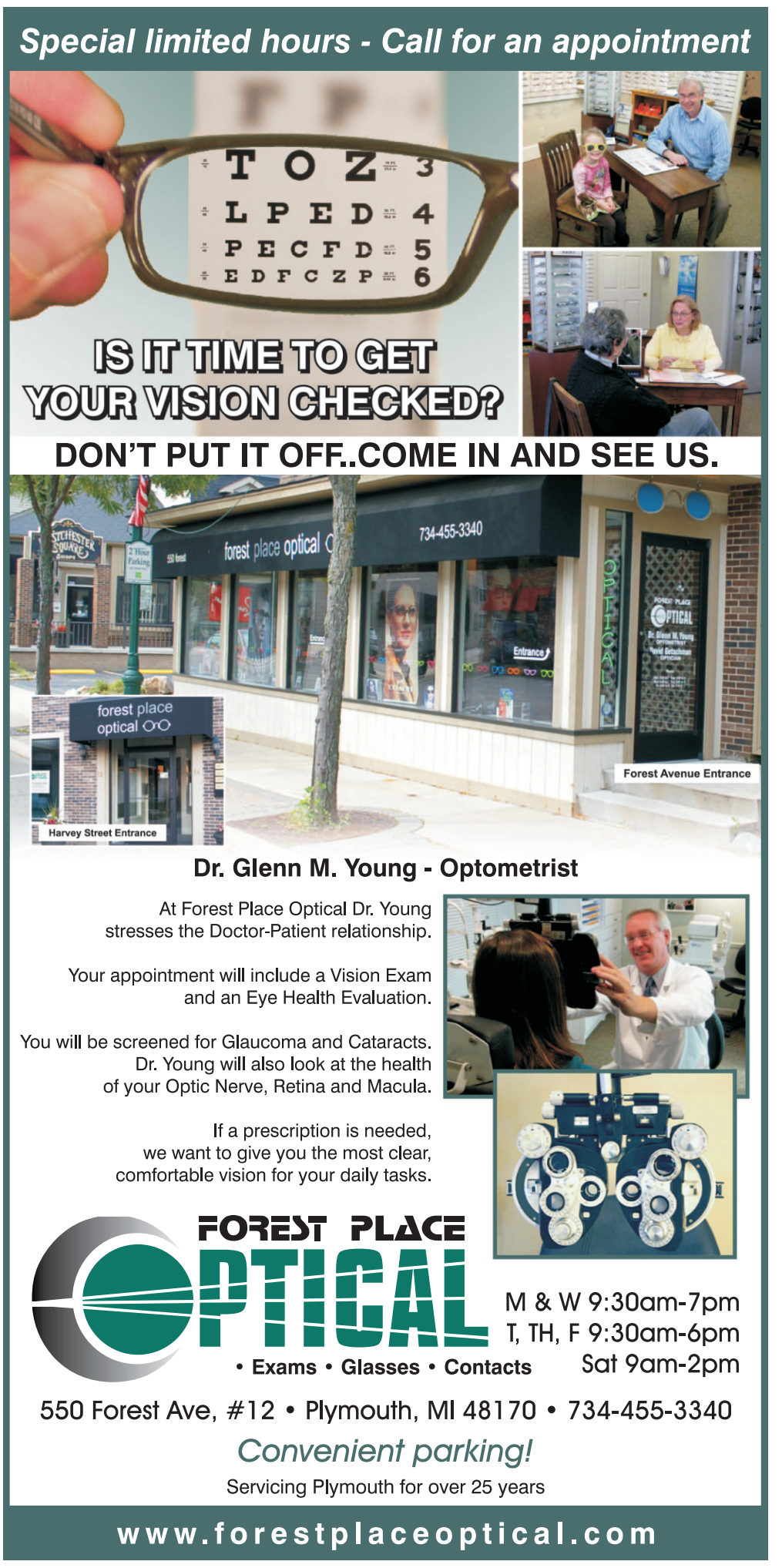
> *Van Houten also sentenced Shoats to two years on the weapons charge, to be served consecutively with the manslaughter imprisonment term.*

The mother of the victim, Tabatha Parish, said her son had a good-paying job, a girlfriend and had planned to attend community college before his death. He was the father of a young son.

Van Houten also sentenced Shoats to two years on the weapons charge, to be served consecutively with the manslaughter imprisonment term.

"Mrs. Parish, there is nothing that we can do here today that would bring your son back," the judge said, "but I hope that this brings you some closure and that your family can find some peace in this chapter and cherish your memories of your son."

Delivery,
curbside pickup
and takeout
New Family Meals
Custom meals for takeout or delivery
Everything you need from chopsticks to dessert, packed for pickup or delivered right to your door.
order from our easy catering packages or build your own perfect feast.
We are open for takeout, delivery or curbside pickup.
order online or through the P.F. CHANG'S mobile app.
P.F. CHANG'S
CHINA BISTRO
17905 Haggerty Road · Northville Township, MI 48167 · (248) 675-0066
Sun. – Thurs. 11 AM - 9 PM • Fri. – Sat. 11 AM - 10 PM
www.pfchangs.com


Special limited hours - Call for an appointment
IS IT TIME TO GET
YOUR VISION CHECKED?
DON'T PUT IT OFF..COME IN AND SEE US.
forest place optical
734-455-3340
Entrance
Harvey Street Entrance
Forest Avenue Entrance
Dr. Glenn M. Young - Optometrist
At Forest Place Optical Dr. Young
stresses the Doctor-Patient relationship.
Your appointment will include a Vision Exam
and an Eye Health Evaluation.
You will be screened for Glaucoma and Cataracts.
Dr. Young will also look at the health
of your Optic Nerve, Retina and Macula.
If a prescription is needed,
we want to give you the most clear,
comfortable vision for your daily tasks.
FOREST PLACE
OPTICAL
• Exams • Glasses • Contacts
M & W 9:30am-7pm
T, TH, F 9:30am-6pm
Sat 9am-2pm
550 Forest Ave, #12 • Plymouth, MI 48170 • 734-455-3340
Convenient parking!
Servicing Plymouth for over 25 years
www.forestplaceoptical.com

Belleville - Inkster

Flying high

Blue Angels plane now at Yankee Air Museum

Last week, Yankee Air Museum officials welcomed a Blue Angel F/A-18C Hornet as the latest addition to the extensive historic aircraft collection at the museum. This particular jet was the lead aircraft for the Blue Angels in a performance at the Detroit 2017 Thunder Over Michigan air show

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels have retired all of their F/A 18Cs and are now flying F/A-18E Super Hornets. Yankee Air Museum is the last museum to receive a Blue Angel Legacy Hornet and it will be on static display indefinitely.

Two large semi-tractor-trailers transporting the dismantled aircraft provided a rare sight for many motorists.

The aircraft is expected to be re-assembled and on display for the first time this weekend.

The Yankee Air Museum is open during the winter months from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturdays and from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sundays. Yankee Air Museum is located at 47884 D Street in Belleville.

The Blue Angels plane is delivered to the Yankee Air Museum and unloaded from two heavy-duty trailers last week.

Van Buren to mail masks to all township residents

Van Buren Township will spend $270,000 in hazard pay to reward the essential employees who worked the front-lines during the Corona virus pandemic.

In addition, the township will send protective face masks to every township resident in an effort to help curtail the spread of the virus which is at an all-time high across the country.

The decisions were made at the Dec. 15 meeting of the township board of trustees.

The hazard pay proposal was made by Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara who suggested a one-time payment of $500 for all township employees and a $1,500 payment for each member of the public safety department. He said the proposal was at the behest of himself, Treasurer Sharry Budd and Clerk Leon Wright. He suggested that with the current grants awarded for reimbursement of COVID expenses, the township could fund the expense.

The township will spend an additional $10,000 to mail medical face masks to township residents, adding that employees had obtained 45,000 masks at no cost from Wayne County. The $10,000 expense will cover postage, envelopes, and labels to deliver three masks to every residence in the township, including apartments and mobile home parks. The township will spend another $7,000 to have the Van Buren Township logo printed on the masks, McNamara told members of the board of trustees during the Zoom meeting. He said these were high-quality, double-woven masks.

Township tax records will be used to address the mailings.

COVID-19 vaccinations are urged for African Americans

N. Charles Anderson, president/CEO of the Detroit Urban League recently issued a statement regarding the concerns of many in the African American community regarding the Corona virus vaccine.

"When the corona virus first attacked us, African Americans were unwittingly at the front of the line of those disproportionately affected and more likely to be hospitalized and die as a result of complications. A focus on making testing available for the more affected populations and the consistent promotion of safety measures started making a dent in the disproportionate impacts being felt by people of color and saved many lives," he said.

"Now that there's a vaccine, questions are arising as to who's first in line and who is really going to take it. Clearly, health care workers are at the front of the line as they are hard at work providing care for those hospitalized as a result of complications from COVID-19. However, after that where will the other front-line workers appear on the list for vaccinations? Then the real question is how will the African American community respond to their opportunity to get the vaccine?

"A key consideration relative to healthcare and development of the COVID-19 vaccine is trust and our community's concern for past treatment of African Americans. The forty-year Tuskegee experiment that dates back to 1932 is foremost in the minds of many. But this vaccine development has involved open and strong involvement of African American professionals to ensure trust and safety for the community.

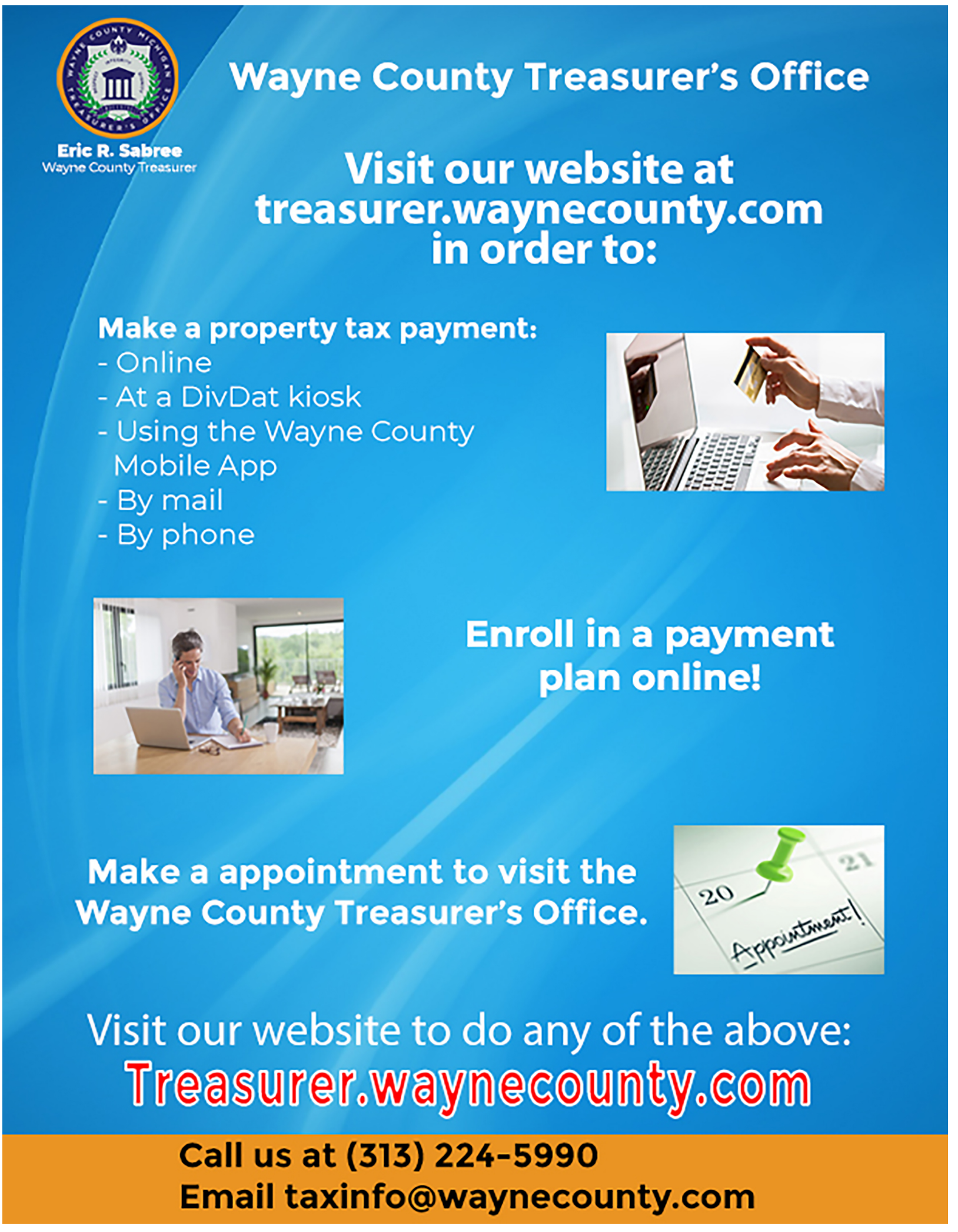
"I have been following and studying the commentary and advice from the scientists and medical professionals regarding the efficacy of the vaccines and I am compelled to get vaccinated. When I listen to Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett, a Black woman and noted Senior Research Fellow, I'm encouraged about the safety of the vaccine because of her lead role at the National Institute Health in developing the Moderna vaccine. I think it is critically important to that this African American scientist has played an integral role in the research and approvals for this breakthrough.

"Moreover, I am taking note of the commentary from the Black Coalition Against COVID, which includes the Deans of the four Black medical schools, in their belief and support of the vaccines becoming available and ensuring that they are safe and effective for Black and Brown communities.

I am advocating that we listen to professional, trusted voices while staying away from the anti-vaccine community and the social media pundits who espouse negative statements that are antidotal and not based on fact.

> *I am advocating that we listen to professional, trusted voices while staying away from the anti-vaccine community.*

"Always just ask your own physician about the vaccine and whether it is safe for you to take, then make your decision on whether taking the vaccine is for you. The opportunity to save your life and the lives of those we love is vested in a large number of the population being vaccinated against the corona virus. I'm planning to take the vaccination and hope you will, too," he concluded.


Eric R. Sabree
Wayne County Treasurer
Wayne County Treasurer's Office
Visit our website at treasurer.waynecounty.com in order to:
Make a property tax payment:
- Online
- At a DivDat kiosk
- Using the Wayne County Mobile App
- By mail
- By phone
Enroll in a payment plan online!
Make a appointment to visit the Wayne County Treasurer's Office.
Visit our website to do any of the above:
Treasurer.waynecounty.com
Call us at (313) 224-5990
Email taxinfo@waynecounty.com